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Re: Patent Application Serial No.: 09/927,650 Inventor: Wise, Michael A.		

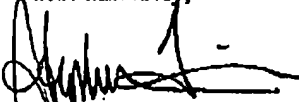
Dear Mr. Katcheves,

We still have not received a response from the USPTO regarding the Information For Withdrawal of Abandonment that was mailed to the USPTO on July 22, 2004.

Please find transmitted the Information For Withdrawal of Abandonment, with the Amendment and Response Filed February 13, 2004 in the above-referenced patent application, including our previous fax confirmation sheets from March 22, 2004, April 14, 2004 and May 4, 2004.

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Most sincerely,

  
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PATENT APPLICATION  
Attorney Ref. No. WIS01-003PUNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
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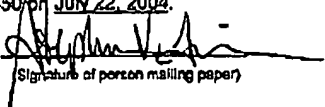
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Application No: 09/927,650

Filed: August 10, 2001

For Letters Patent on:

TIE-DOWN SYSTEM AND METHOD

Examiner: Katcheves, Basil S.  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

1. Applicant requests that the abandonment of this case be withdrawn.
2. This information is being submitted promptly after applicant has learned of the  
abandonment on the basis of:  
  
☒ the Notice of Abandonment mailed by the PTO on June 11, 2004.  
☐ applicant's own procedures in monitoring the progress of this case.
3. Submitted herewith is:  
  
☒ A copy of the complete response previously filed.

- ☒ A copy of the sending unit's report confirming transmission.
- ☐ A copy of the attorney's Deposit Account Statement, in which the item corresponding to the response referred to above is noted.

4. The following is a statement attesting to the timely transmission of the correspondence referred to above based on:

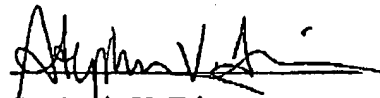
☒ personal knowledge:

I, Stephanie V. Trice, state as follows:

All of the following testimony is within my personal knowledge and, if called upon to testify, I could and would do so competently.

The Amendment and Response to the Office Action, in re Application of Michael A. Wise, mailed by the USPTO on August 13, 2003, was filed via facsimile by me on February 13, 2004, and again on March 22, 2004, April 14, 2004 and May 4, 2004, pursuant to telephone conferences with Examiner Basil Katcheves, wherein he advised this office that the response to the Office Action had not been received. Submitted herewith is the Amendment and Response to the Office Action, the accompanying documents, as well as the facsimile transmission reports evidencing transmission of the same.

I hereby certify that the above is true and correct. Executed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July, at Los Angeles, California.

  
Stephanie V. Trice

☐ a showing believed to be satisfactory to the Commissioner

5. Please proceed with further examination of this application on the basis of:

☐ The original papers filed, which have now reached the appropriate area of the PTO.

AND/OR

[X] The attached copy of the papers originally filed.

6. Acknowledgment of the active status of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: July 22, 2004

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From: Milord A. Keshishian, Esq.	File No: WIS01-003P	Pages (including cover): 12
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Re: Application Serial No. 09/927,650 Inventor: Wise, Michael A. Retransmission of Amendment and Response Filed February 13, 2004		

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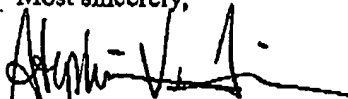
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Re: Patent Application Serial No.: 09/927,650 Inventor: Wise, Michael A. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Retransmission of Amendment and Response Filed February 13, 2004		

Dear Mr. Katcheves,

In accordance with our telephone conference on today's date, please find transmitted herewith the 2<sup>nd</sup> retransmission of the Amendment and Response Filed February 13, 2004 in the above-referenced patent application, including our previous fax confirmation sheet from March 22, 2004.

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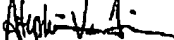
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Re: Patent Application Serial No.: 09/027,550 Inventor: Wiaz, Michael A. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reexamination of Amendment and Response Filed February 13, 2004		

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Dear Mr. Katcheves,

In accordance with your voice mail to our office and my voice mail to your office on today's date, please find transmitted herewith the 3rd retransmission of the Amendment and Response Filed February 13, 2004 in the above-referenced patent application, including our previous fax confirmation sheets from March 22, 2004 and April 14, 2004.

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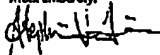
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Re: Patent Application Serial No. 09/927,650 Inventor: Wiso, Michael A. 3rd Retransmission of Amendment and Response Filed February 13, 2004		

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In re: Application of <b>Wise</b>		
Application Number <b>09/927,650</b>	Filed <b>8/10/2001</b>	
For <b>Tie-Down System &amp; Method</b>		
Group Art. Unit <b>3635</b>	Examiner <b>Katcheves</b>	

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows (check time period desired):

☐ One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)) \$ 950.00

☐ Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2)) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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☐ Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5)) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☒ Applicant claims small-entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: \$ 475.00 07/19/2005 MBINAS 00000024 09927650

☐ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed. 01 FC:2253 475.00 OP

☒ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

☐ The Commissioner has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.

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I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.

I am the ☐ applicant/inventor

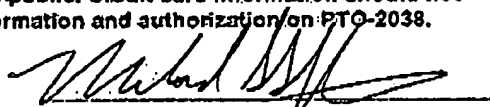
☐ assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.  
Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).

☒ attorney or agent of record.

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February 13, 2004  
Date

  
Signature

Milord A. Keshishian, Esq.  
Typed or printed name

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In re Application of:

Wise, Michael A.

Application No: 09/927,650

Filed: August 10, 2001

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TIE-DOWN SYSTEM AND METHOD

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Art Unit: 3635AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FIRST  
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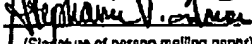
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 13, 2003, and pursuant to the telephone  
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application as follows:

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Remarks and/or Arguments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> begin on page <u>7</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> None

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A tie-down device, comprising  
a first member having a bottom panel;  
a first extended region emanating from said bottom panel;  
an affixing means for attaching said bottom panel to a member received on said bottom panel; and

an anchoring means for affixing said first extended region to a structure in a steadfast manner; and

a second extended region emanates from said bottom panel in a direction opposing said first extended region, and a second anchoring means affixing said second extended region to a structure in a steadfast manner.

2. (Currently Cancelled) ~~The device of Claim 1, wherein a second extended region emanates from said bottom panel in a direction opposing said first extended region, and a second anchoring means affixing said second extended region to a structure in a steadfast manner.~~

3. (Currently Amended) The device of Claim 2 1, wherein a first panel emanates from said bottom panel in a substantially perpendicular fashion therefrom; said first panel receiving

said affixing means therethrough, thereby affixing said first panel to said member in a secure manner.

4. (Currently Amended) The device of Claim 2 1, wherein a first panel emanates from said bottom panel in a substantially perpendicular fashion therefrom, and a second panel emanates from said bottom panel in opposing relation to said first panel such that a guide is created therebetween for receiving said member, and at least one of said affixing means attaches said first panel to a first face of said member and at least one of said affixing means attaches said second panel to a second face of said member.

5. The device of Claim 4, wherein said member is a wood beam.

6. The device of Claim 4, wherein said member is selected from a group consisting of a truss and a gable end truss.

7. The device of Claim 4, wherein said affixing means is selected from a group consisting of a nail, a threaded element, a nut and bolt apparatus.

8. The device of Claim 4, wherein said first member is constructed of metal.

9. The device of Claim 4, wherein in combination said structure is a preform wall containing a curable material, said anchoring means passing through an aperture in each of said first and second extended regions and being received and bound within said curable material.

10. (Currently Cancelled) ~~A tie-down system, comprising:~~  
~~a second member constructed from a unitary piece of material having a bottom plate;~~  
~~an extended section emanating from said bottom plate in a substantially similar plane;~~  
~~an affixing means for attaching said second member to a member resting on said bottom plate; and~~  
~~an anchoring means for affixing said first extended section to a structure in a steadfast manner.~~

11. (Currently Cancelled) ~~The system of Claim 10, wherein a first sheet extends in a vertical direction from a first border of said extended section, and a third sheet extends from said first sheet in a perpendicular fashion, said affixing means attaching said third sheet to said member in a secure manner.~~

12. (Currently Cancelled) ~~The system of Claim 10, further comprising:~~  
~~a first sheet extends in a vertical direction from a first border of said extended section and~~  
~~a second sheet extends in a vertical direction from a second border of said extended section;~~  
~~a third sheet extending from said first sheet in a perpendicular fashion, said affixing means attaching said third sheet to said member in a secure manner;~~  
~~a fourth sheet extending from said second sheet in a perpendicular fashion, said affixing means attaching said fourth sheet to said member in a secure manner.~~

13. (Currently Cancelled) ~~The system of Claim 11, wherein at least a hole is defined by~~

~~said extended section and receives an elongated portion of said anchoring means therethrough and anchors said second member to said structure in a steadfast manner.~~

14. (Currently Cancelled) ~~The system of Claim 12, wherein at least a first plate emanates from said bottom plate in a vertical direction and is distal to said extended section such that a first channel is defined by said first plate, said bottom plate, said third sheet and said fourth sheet, and said member being received within said channel.~~

15. (Currently Cancelled) ~~The system of claim 14, wherein said first plate is connected to said first member by at least one of said affixing means.~~

16. (Currently Cancelled) ~~The system of claim 14, wherein said structure is a preform wall containing a curable material, said anchoring means passing through said hole is received and bound within said curable material.~~

17. (Currently Cancelled) ~~The system of claim 14, wherein said second member is constructed of a metal.~~

18. (Currently Cancelled) ~~The system of claim 14, wherein said member is selected from a group consisting of a truss and a gable end truss.~~

19. (Currently Amended) A method for attaching trusses to a preform wall structure having an outer wall and an inner wall wherein a curable material is poured therebetween, the



method comprising:

providing a first member of unitary construction having a bottom panel;

providing a first extended region from said bottom panel;

providing a second extended region extending from said bottom panel in an opposite

direction to said first extended region:

providing a first panel attached to said bottom panel;

placing said truss upon said bottom panel;

attaching said first panel to said truss with an affixing means;

anchoring said first extended region to said curable material with an anchoring means.

20. The method of claim 19, further comprising the steps of:

defining an aperture within said extended region;

inserting an elongated portion of said anchoring means through said aperture and into said curable material;

engaging a head portion of said anchoring means upon said extended region.

**REMARKS**

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated August 13, 2003. Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's courtesy and assistance during the telephone conference of January 20, 2003, pursuant to which instructions the instant amendments and cancellations to the claims are made. Following the instant Amendment, Claims 1-9 and 19-20 are pending in the instant application. Claims 10-18 are hereby cancelled without prejudice to Applicant's filing of a continuation application claiming the subject matter thereof, which the Examiner believed to be a separate invention. Applicant has specifically addressed each and every one of the Office Action's rejections in the amendments and remarks herein. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that the remaining claims, as amended herewith, are allowable and an early notification of allowance is requested.

This response is being filed within six (6) months from the mailing date of the Office Action and a Petition for an Extension of Time is filed herewith along with the appropriate fee in the accompanying credit card payment form.

**I. Claim Rejections – 35 USC §112**

The Office Action rejected claims 9, 10 and 16 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. Claims 10 and 16 have been cancelled and Claim 9 has been amended to claim a combination for the use of the device with the perform wall. Accordingly, Applicant believes that Claim 9 definitely claims the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention, and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

**II. Claim Rejections – 35 USC §102**

The Office Action rejected Claims 1-9, 10, 11, 13 and 19 under 35 USC 102(b) as being

anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 3,000,145 to Fine ("Fine"). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections and asserts that Claims 1-9, 10, 11, 13 and 19 are novel and patentable in view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein.

Pursuant to the Examiner's recommendation, the limitations of Applicants second extended region have been added to independent claims 1 and 19, which in accordance with the telephone conference with the Examiner, should place the independent claims, and their respective dependent claims in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested. Applicant reserves of all his rights to argue the claims to allowance should the claims as amended not be allowed.

### III. Claim Rejections – 35 USC §103(a)

The Office Action rejected Claims 12, 14 and 20 under §103(a) as being unpatentable over Fine. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection, combination, modification and interpretation of the references.

Claims 12 and 14 are hereby cancelled, thereby rendering the rejection moot. Claim 20 now depends from amended Claim 19, which was amended in accordance with the Examiner's recommendation in order to place the independent claim in condition for allowance. As a result of the novel and unobvious limitation incorporated into Claim 19, and as a result dependent Claim 20, Applicant respectfully asserts that Claim 20 is in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested. Applicant reserves of all his rights to argue the claims to allowance should the claims as amended not be allowed.

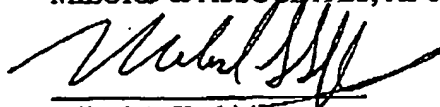
### CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that the case is now in condition for allowance, and an early notification of the same is requested. If it is believed that a telephone interview will help further the prosecution of this case, Applicant respectfully requests that the undersigned attorney be

contacted at the listed telephone number.

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